

SOCIAL and PERSONAL

The receptions held at the Country Club and the Hermitage Golf Club yesterday were among the notable social events of New Year's. In the afternoon from 4 to 7 o'clock a large number of members and guests were entertained at the Hermitage. The clubhouse was gay with its decorations of holly and mistletoe and bright red flowers, and an orchestra played for the dancing. Garlands of cedar outlined the entrances, and the punch tables were arranged with poinsettias. The reception committee included Mrs. Charles R. Guy, Mrs. O. B. Hill, Mrs. W. C. Locker, Mrs. R. H. Meade, Mrs. J. B. Orgain, Mrs. Philip E. Johnson, Mrs. Garrett B. Wall, Mrs. W. S. Rhoads, Mrs. William Sullivan, Miss Sophia Meredith, Miss Emma Gray White, Miss Mary Boyd, Miss Daisy Winston, Miss Marjorie Colston, Miss Phyllis Taylor, Miss Marie Sandis, Miss Caroline Preston and Miss Adelle Irvin.

At the Country Club, receiving hours were from 6 to 9 o'clock, and a great throng of brilliantly gowned women and their escorts were at the clubhouse all evening. There was no receiving line, and the punch tables, wreathed with holly and red roses, were placed in the sun parlor. An orchestra played throughout the evening. A buffet supper was served from one long table, arranged in the main dining-room of the club and decorated in fall tints of scarlet flowers and big baskets of red roses. The entire clubhouse was banked in holly and hung with running cedar and Southern smilax, and great branches of mistletoe, suspended by crimson ribbons, were hung from the ceiling in the ballroom.

Mrs. Juliet Chilton Keith was at home to her friends informally yesterday. The parlors were decorated in Christmas greens and roses, and the mantels were banked in holly. Miss Martha Robinson was also at home yesterday afternoon at the residence of her mother, Mrs. Portia Robinson, on West Franklin Street.

January At-Home. Mrs. James Branch Cabell will be at home at her residence, "Dumbarton Grange," on Wednesday afternoons during the month of January, from 4 to 6 o'clock.

Entertained at Dinner. T. M. Hobson, of Winnipeg, Can., was host at a beautifully appointed dinner at the Jefferson Hotel on New Year's.

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Eve. The table was decorated in American Beauty roses, and those present included Mr. and Mrs. J. Haskins, Hobson, of Powhatan; Dr. and Mrs. Stuart Michaux, and Mrs. Frank Blecher, of Oakland; Mrs. H. D. Eaglesfield, of Indianapolis; Mrs. C. E. Ashburner, Miss Cora Ashburner, of Ohio; Mr. and Mrs. Haskins Hobson, of Forest Hill; Mr. Elchert, of the Shenandoah Military Academy; C. M. Hobson, of Baltimore, and P. St. George Cooke.

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Richard Walker, of Richmond, is also a guest of Mrs. Kinke, in Waynesboro.

Sailing Saturday. Among the passengers on board the steamship George Washington, of the North German Lloyd Line, on Saturday from New York are Mr. and Mrs. Paul Well, Edward Well, Miss Elsie Well, Robert Well and Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Steiner, all of this city.

William Frazier has gone to Staunton, where he is the guest of his sister, Mrs. Erskine Miller.

Mr. and Mrs. John H. Minor have returned to their home at Port Meade, Fla., after spending the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Fisher, of 1408 Park Avenue.

Simon Hirsch, of Fredericksburg, is spending several days with friends in Richmond.

Miss Pearl Jennings is spending some time in Roanoke, before returning to her home here.

Miss Florence Patton is visiting her father, R. E. Patton, at his home in Stafford County.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Henderson have returned to Newport News, after a brief visit to relatives here.

Miss Elizabeth Brown, of this city, is the guest of Mrs. L. B. Plummer at her home in Portsmouth.

E. R. Carner has returned to the city, after spending the holiday season in Spotsylvania County.

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MISFORTUNES MAINLY OF FINANCIAL NATURE

Difficult Not to Feel Sorry for Troubles of Lady Warwick.

BY LA MARQUISE DE FONTENAY.

ALTHOUGH Lady Warwick has done much to alleviate sympathy, she is sorry for her in the misfortunes which have overtaken her in the event of her life.

The misfortunes are mainly of a pecuniary nature, and the numerous law suits which are now being carried on against her in the King's Bench Division of the High Court of Justice in London shed a somewhat pitiful light upon the existence to which she has been reduced for the past seven years.

Already as far back as in 1867 she was in such financial straits that all her effects at Easton Lodge, near Dunmow, her beautiful place in Essex, were seized on behalf of her creditors, and sold by auction. Her eldest son, Lord Brooke, raised a certain amount of money from relatives and friends, and bought back at the sheriff's sale effects to the tune of some \$60,000, and which he has since allowed his mother to use. Then there were a quantity of heirlooms in the way of pictures and art treasures, which could not be touched, either by the sheriff or the creditors, so that Easton Lodge did not present a very dismantled appearance. In 1908 another seizure and the sheriff's sale took place at Easton Lodge.

To what traits Lady Warwick was reduced, may be gathered from the fact that she made an arrangement in a horseman's name of the name of Lord Brooke, and she was allowed the use of the extensive stables at Easton Lodge for his horse training business, in consideration of his placing certain of his horses and carriages at the disposal of Lady Warwick whenever she needed them. Moreover, he exhibited his own horses under her name at horse shows. Somewhat similar arrangements seem to have been made in connection with the kitchen gardens and hothouses of the estate.

Last fall, creditors and sheriff came upon Easton Lodge, and seized a number of the horses belonging to the horse dealer, also the property purchased at the sheriff's sale in 1907 by Lord Brooke, and lent to his mother, and a lot of other heirlooms. There were also employees of the estate to whom Lady Warwick had sold furniture, etc., whose effects were seized, on the plea that the sales which she had made were bogus.

The trustee of the estate, Lord Brooke, the horse dealer, and the other persons whose effects had been wrongfully seized, have all now been suing the sheriff and the creditors for the recovery of their property and of the heirlooms.

Then, too, Lady Warwick is charged with having sold various articles of value belonging to her, both at Easton Lodge and at Warwick Castle, after judgments had been rendered against her, and the property had been attached. It being intimate that these sales were for the purpose of evading the just claims of her judgment creditors. Thus far she has refrained from putting in an appearance, or from furnishing any explanation to the courts, it being announced that she

was detained in the South of France, owing to the ill health of her husband, Lord Warwick, there.

As they are both head over ears in debt, she have exhausted every possible means of obtaining money, either from their relatives and friends, or in any other way, it is difficult to see what the end of it all will be. It is all the more sad when one reflects that they are saddled with the possessions of Warwick Castle and of Easton Lodge, neither of which they are able to sell, owing to their being entailed property.

The late Earl of Warwick also suffered from improvidence, and had great difficulty in keeping up Warwick Castle in a fitting manner. Indeed, at his death it was in a sorry state of repair, although he had not long before received a curious windfall of considerable proportions. For, on the opening of the will of his old housekeeper, who throughout several decades had been in the habit of conducting tourists over the castle, especially visitors from outside of the water, and who had always received more or less handsome gratuities for her trouble, it was found that she had left all her savings, amounting to some \$30,000, to her employer.

When the present Earl of Warwick married the lovely Frances Maynard, in Westminster Abbey, in 1881, Queen Victoria's youngest son, the late Duke of Albany, officiating as best man, it was generally felt that better days were at hand for Warwick Castle. For besides being the reigning beauty of her day, she was also the greatest heiress, having inherited all the property and fortune of her grandfather, the third and last Viscount Maynard.

All this fortune has been lost, partly by unfortunate investments, partly by extravagance. Lord Warwick also has run through all that was left to him by his father, who had practiced the most extraordinary economies, in order to free the Warwick Castle estates of its incumbrances.

Lord and Lady Warwick had hoped that their son, Lord Brooke, would marry money, and thus repair the shattered fortunes of his house. But the various projected alliances with American heiresses failed to materialize, and ultimately he married the daughter of Sir William Eden, seventh Baronet of Maryland, who had inherited much of her mother's famous beauty, but who was virtually penniless, with no prospects of any fortune to come.

Naturally, Lord Brooke does not wish to join his parents in breaking the entail of either the Warwick Castle estate or the Easton Lodge property. For he realizes full well that while the breaking of the entail would enable his parents to sell the bulk of the proceeds would go to their creditors, while the balance would be used up by them, so that on their death he and nothing left for his wife and children.

Lord and Lady Warwick's financial troubles began more than ten years ago, when they adopted the scheme of turning their possessions, including their life interest in the Warwick Castle estate and the Easton Lodge property, into the County of Essex, into a sort of limited liability company, of the kind suggested by the librettist, the late Sir William Gilbert, in one of his most amusing comic operas, writ-

ten to the music of Sir Arthur Sullivan, and bearing, if my memory serves me right, the title of "Utopia Limited."

The scheme was arranged with a big flourish of trumpets, but did not prove a success, and after two or three years the so-called "Warwick and Easton Estates Company," limited, commenced to figure very frequently in the London law courts, as a defendant in suits brought against it for the recovery of money loaned.

Lady Warwick at one moment had hoped to retrieve in a measure her losses, by means of the lecture platform, in the United States and Canada, with a view to subsequently publishing her reminiscences. But this widely-heralded scheme proved a failure, and, after the delivery of a couple of lectures in New York, Lady Warwick returned to England a bitterly disappointed woman.

Lady Warwick, the former Miss Frances Maynard, is descended from that Walter Maynard who was secretary to the